

## Medicare FFS Response to COVID-19

The HHS Secretary declared a public health emergency, which allows for CMS programmatic waivers based on Section 1135 of the Social Security Act. An MLN Matters Special Edition Article SE20011 on [Medicare Fee-for-Service \(FFS\) Response to the Public Health Emergency on the Coronavirus](#) is available. Learn about blanket waivers issued by CMS. These waivers prevent gaps in access to care for beneficiaries impacted by the emergency.

See the [press release](#) outlining our announcement.